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*New Delhi, the 2nd May, 1949.*

ORDINANCE No. VII OF 1949.

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*to provide for the conservation and use of certain sources of water supply  
in the Province of Delhi.*

WHEREAS an emergency has arisen which makes it necessary to provide for the conservation and use of certain sources of water supply in the Province of Delhi;

Now, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Government of India Act, 1935 (26 Geo. 5, c. 2), the Governor-General is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Delhi Water Supply (Emergency Provisions) Ordinance, 1949.

(2) It extends to the Province of Delhi.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definition.**—In this Ordinance, the expression “competent authority” means such person or body of persons as the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint in this behalf.

**3. Power to regulate water supply.**—(1) Where the competent authority is satisfied that in any area to which this Ordinance extends it is necessary to make provision for the conservation and use of water supply, it may, subject to the control of the Central Government, by order provide for the regulation or prohibition of the storage, distribution, use or consumption of water derived from such sources as may be specified in the order, and, so long as such order is in force, no person shall store, distribute, use or consume water save in accordance with the provisions of such order.

(2) In issuing any order under the provisions of this section, the competent authority may exempt, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified, any person or class of persons from the provisions of any such order.

**4. Penalty for contravention of order.**—If any person contravenes any order made under this Ordinance by the competent authority, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees, or with both.

**5. Attempts and abetments.**—Any person who attempts to contravene, or abets the contravention of, any order made under this Ordinance shall be deemed to have contravened such order.

**6. Offences by corporations.**—If the person contravening any order made under this Ordinance is a company or other body corporate, every director, manager, secretary or other officer or agent thereof shall, unless he proves that the contravention took place without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent such contravention, be deemed to be guilty of such contravention.

**7. Protection of action taken under Ordinance.**—No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the competent authority for anything which is, in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this Ordinance.

C. RAJAGOPALACHARI,  
*Governor-General.*

K. V. K. SUNDARAM,  
*Secy. to the Govt. of India.*